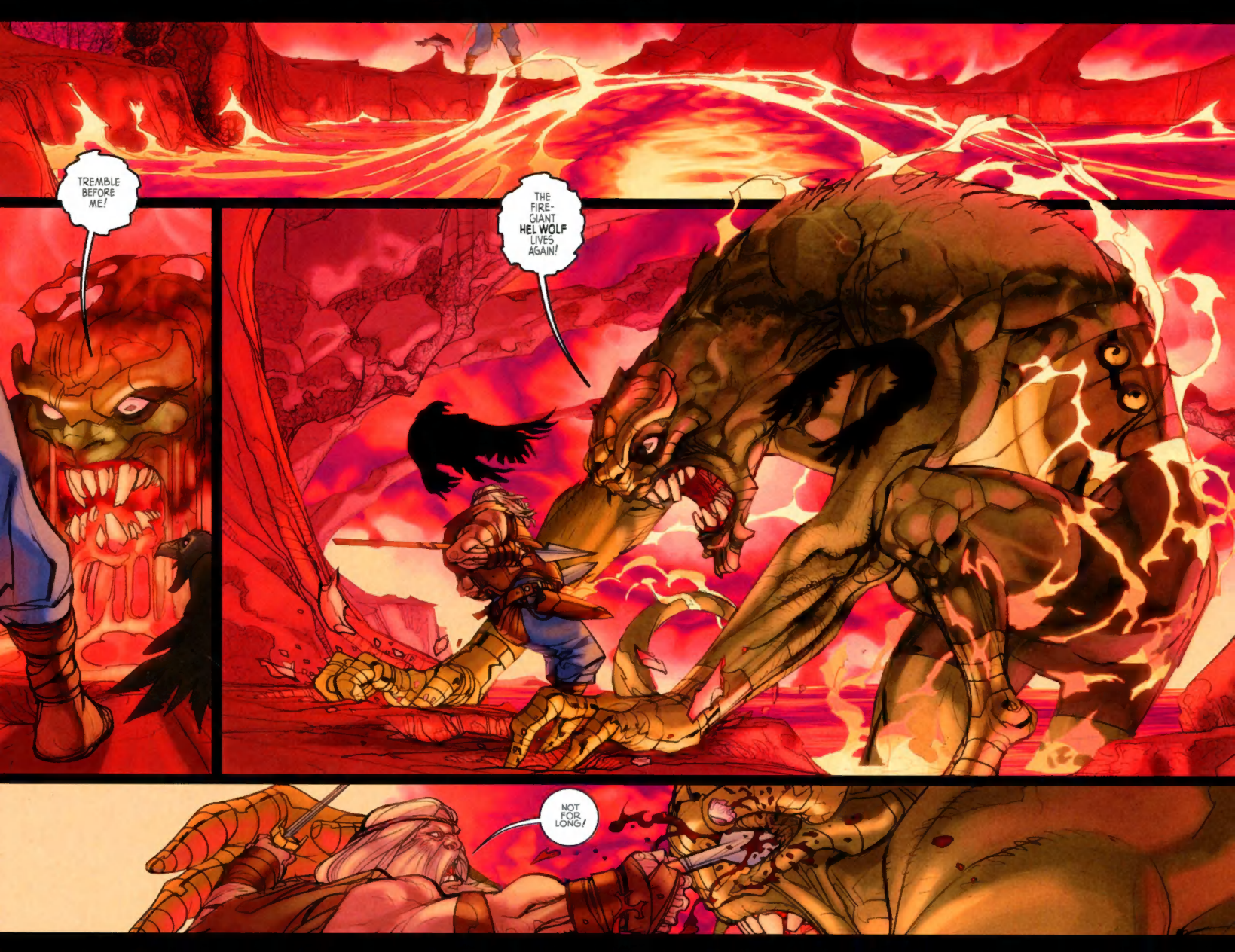

TREMBLE BEFORE ME!
THE FIRE-GIANT HEL WOLF LIVES AGAIN!
NOT FOR LONG!

--HELL BREAKS LOOSE IN MID-TOWN MANHATTAN TODAY AS A RAM-PAGING PLATOON OF ...WELL...DWARVES APPEARED FROM OUT OF NOWHERE--
--FURÐUVERUR HAFA KOMIÐ FRÁ ÞESSUM GOSHVER BARA NORÐUR REYKJAVÍKUR--
--POBL LEOL YN CAEL EU DYCHRYN GAN FOD Y RHAIN ANIFEILIAID MAWR. DINISTRIO CEFN GWLAD--
--AL HAJAH ILL TAKHAWEEF AN KAOLOHOUM BE ITAHARAKOO FEE INTEEJAH WAHED--
--HEADING EN MASSE, IT WOULD SEEM, TOWARD BROXTON, OKLA-HOMA--OR, MORE LIKELY, TO BROXTON'S MORE FAMOUS NEIGHBORS.
BILL, JR.
BILL.
YEAH.

"...COME SEE THIS."
...
FOLKS'RE GONNA NEED SOME WATER, LUANNE.
MAYBE SOME SNACKS.
YES, SIR.

BALDER! THEY'RE COMING!
--SIF?
ODIN'S STONES.
AN ATTACK, LORD?
STAY YOUR BLADE, FANDRAL. LOOK AT THEM.
YOU! THE GATHERED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE WORLD TREE!
WHY HAVE YOU COME TO THE FALLEN CITY?
WHO SPEAKS FOR YOU?
I... SPEAK... FOR...
...THE GATHERED. FOR THE...
...REFUGEES... OF THE WORLD ASH.

UNACCEPTABLE!
OPEN YOUR DOORS OR WE SHALL SHOVE THEM OPEN!
WHAT "DOORS" DO YOU SEE HERE, LITTLE MAN?
WHAT RAMPARTS HAVE YOU FOUND TO BE STORMED? WHAT SHELTER DO WE STEAL FROM YOU?
ASGARD IS ASH. IS RUBBLE.
ODIN DAMN YOU ALL!
'TIS YOU WHO PERCH LIKE CRAPPING BIRDS ATOP THE WORLD TREE! 'TIS YOU THEY WANTED!
BROTHERS, SISTERS, TAKE THEM--!
YOU ARE A TERRIBLE KING!
I KNOW!
KRA-KAA-DOOM!

MOVE AGAINST ASGARD AND YOU MOVE AGAINST ME--
--THOR--
--AND IF YOU MOVE AGAINST ME, YOU MOVE AGAINST MJOLNIR--
--THOR--
WHICH IS PRO-FOUNDLY UNWISE.

JUST WHAT WE NEED!
A LECTURE ON WISDOM FROM THE ODINSON!

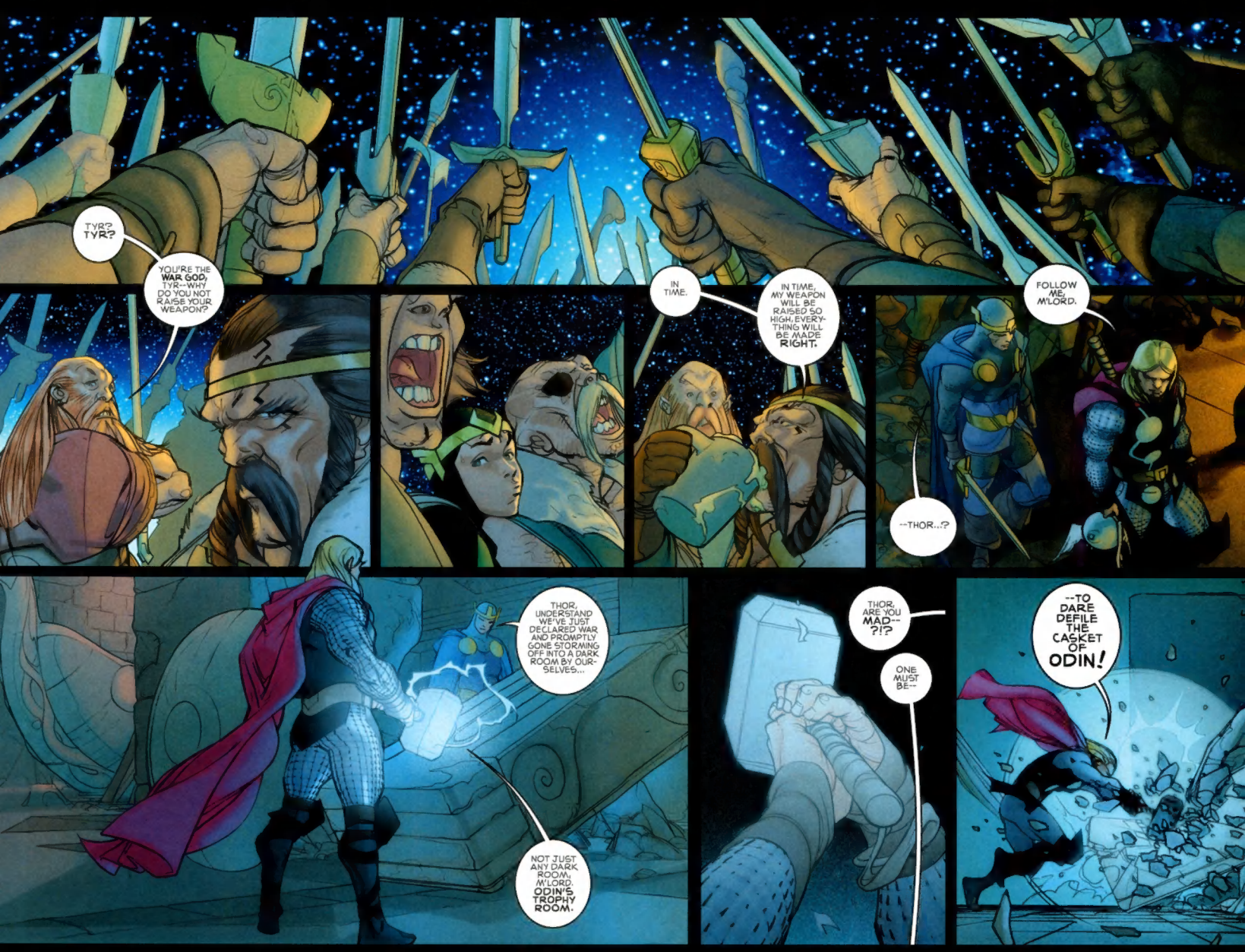
THEY... I CAN'T HEAR THEM FROM HERE.
OH, NO.
I DON'T TAKE THAT TO BE A BAD THING, LADY SIF. BUT RATHER--

HOGUN, NOT THAT--
LOOK.

"LOOK WHO STANDS WITH HIM..."
STAY THE SPEAR, BROTHER, AND YOU'LL FIND MY MOOD BRIGHTENING.
PROTECT YOUR CHARGES ACROSS THE WORLDS, AND YOU'LL FIND OURS BRIGHT-ENING.

"...LOKI!"

...UNTIL RAGNAROK FALLS, ASGARD IS THE CROWN ATOP THE WORLD TREE. WHETHER THIS PLEASES YOU CHANGES NOTHING.
IF THE WORLD TREE IS A CHAIN THAT LINKS OUR NINE WORLDS, ASGARD'S LINK COMES FIRST AND FOREMOST.
YOURS IS THE KINGDOM OF KINGDOMS; WITHOUT YOU, THERE IS NO US.
IF YOU CANNOT PROTECT US, ASGARD ...WE, THE REFUGEES OF YOUR DOMINION...
...THEN WHO?
...AND IF NOT HERE, WHERE?
IF NOT YOU...IF NOT NOW... IF NOT HERE ...THEN ALL OF THE WORLD TREE WILL BURN.
YOU ALL SAY YOUR SEERS AND SHAMEN AND MYSTICS WERE AFFECTED BEFORE THE ATTACKS.
OUR OWN SEER HEIMDALL WAS FELLED BY A VISION.
IT WOULD SEEM AN ATTACK FROM THIS...TENTH WORLD...IS IMMINENT.
MY KING.
WE ARE ALL OF US SHATTERED. AT LEAST IF THIS IS WHERE WE FALL, THEN WE FALL AS ONE.
THOR...
I DO NOT WISH TO BE THE FINAL KING OF ASGARD.
BETTER THE FINAL KING OF ASGARD THAN ITS WORST.
THE DEAD NEED NOT WORRY OF THEIR LEGACIES, BALDER THE BRAVE.
AT LEAST IF WE DIE, WE DIE TOGETHER.
AND THE WALLS OF VALHALLA WILL BURST FROM OUR LAUGHTER!
CITIZENS OF THE WORLD TREE!
WHAT PATHETIC SHELTER WE HAVE --IS YOURS! WHAT LITTLE COMFORT WE CAN PROVIDE-- WE SHALL!
AND WHATEVER CAME FOR YOU...
...SHALL BE STOPPED AT ASGARD!


TYR? TYR?
YOU'RE THE WAR GOD, TYR--WHY DO YOU NOT RAISE YOUR WEAPON?
IN TIME.
IN TIME, MY WEAPON WILL BE RAISED SO HIGH, EVERYTHING WILL BE MADE RIGHT.
FOLLOW ME, M'LORD.
--THOR...?
THOR, UNDERSTAND WE'VE JUST DECLARED WAR AND PROMPTLY GONE STORMING OFF INTO A DARK ROOM BY OURSELVES...
NOT JUST ANY DARK ROOM, M'LORD. ODIN'S TROPHY ROOM.
THOR, ARE YOU MAD--?!?
ONE MUST BE--
--TO DARE DEFILE THE CASKET OF ODIN!

I AM RETURNED ...!
TO BE CONTINUED